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REMARKS

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated July 5, 2006 and the references cited therein. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 8-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-7 are currently pending.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nardi as well as claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nardi or Nardi in view of Branemark.

Claim 1 has been amended and states that the pair of standard mating bars has a predetermined size and shape, each having a fore part and two opposite rear ends defining a shape similar to a shape of said maxilla. Claim 1 has been further amended to specify that the iso-bar is hollow and defines an opening shaped and sized to receive the meso-bar therein. It is believed that claim 1 clearly distinguishes over Nardi and overcomes the 102(b) rejection.

In respect of the 103(a) rejection, Branemark is used to show the bar having a shape that follows the alveolar bone, but the combination of Nardi and Branemark does not teach the elements of new claim 1 submitted herewith. Applicant asserts that claim 1 and the dependent claims patentably distinguish over Nardi and Branemark and overcome the 103(a) rejection.

Claims 8-11 were restricted as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 8-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

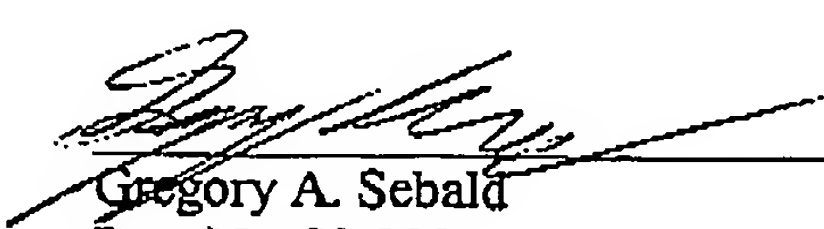
It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are allowable over the prior art of record and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issue remain outstanding, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact Applicant's Representative at 612 332-5300.

Respectfully submitted,

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